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SUBJECT: FORMER FONECONMIN VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. WITH REQUEST THAT INFORMATION BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, FORMER FONECONMIN IVAR NORGAARD TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WILL BE VISITING ISRAEL ON INVITATION OF ISRAELI FONOFF FOR TEN DAYS BEGINNING MARCH 19. SINCE HE IS GETTING MARRIED MARCH 16, COVER WILL BE HONEYMOON TRIP. REASON FOR VISIT, ACCORDING TO NORGAARD, IS TO DISCUSS CURRENT MID-EAST SITUATION AND ROLE WHICH HE MIGHT PLAY AS INTERMEDIARY IN ISRAELI-ARAB DIALOGUE. HE NOTED THAT, FOLLOWING 1967 WAR, HE HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN REOPENING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ISRAELI AND ALGERIANS BECAUSE OF EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES. (NORGAARD HAD, FOR A BRIEF PERIOD, BEEN AN ADVISOR TO BOUMEDIENNE.)

2. NORGAARD HASTENED TO ASSURE US THAT HE RECOGNIZED U.S. EFFORTS IN MID-EAST AS PARAMOUNT AND FELT THAT, AT BEST, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PLAY MINOR ROLE CONTRIBUTORY TO U.S. PEACE-MAKING ACTIVITIES.

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